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SUBJ: UNI, MLD, MPL DENOUNCE PARIS ROUNDTABLE

1. BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH MEDIA ADDIS CARRIED WEEKEND ARTICLES CONDEMNING "PHONY" ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE IN PARIS. MOHAMED KAMIL ALI, POPULAR LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MPL) SPOKESMAN, QUOTED AS STATING MPL, UNI, AND MLD "WHO REPRESENT VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI TERRITORY" NOT ATTENDING CONFERENCE. HE NOTED IT IRONIC THAT FRANCE IS CLAMORING ABOUT DECOLONIZATION WHILE ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND IMPRISONMENT OF GENUINE NATIONALIST LEADERS AND OTHER EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ORDER OF DAY IN DJIBOUTI. CALLING FOR ROUNDTABLE UNDER OUA ON NEUTRAL GROUNDS, HE URGED CREATION OF COMMON POLITICAL PLATFORM BASED ON ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND ANTI-COLONIALISM. HE ALSO CALLED FOR ERADICATION OF EXISTING COLONIAL STRUCTURE AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FRENCH TROOPS PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

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2. UNI SECGEN, ABOUBEKER ALI MOHAMED QUOTED AS DESCRIBING SITUATION IN DJIBOUTI AS EXPLOSIVE. HE CONDEMNED FRENCH FOR BOTH SITUATION IN TFAI AND COMPLICITY WITH SOMALIA. "STARS" OF PARIS CONFERENCE WERE LPAI AND GOVT OF "PUPPET" ABDULLAH HAMIL WHO REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION OF GSDR TO GO TO PARIS AS WELL AS SUPPORT OF FLCS,

INSTRUMENT OF GSDR ANNEXATION POLICY. ABOUBEKER STATED FRENCH, IN COMPLICITY WITH GSDR, HAD IN REOCD TIME DISTRIBUTED 50,000 ID CARDS TO INFILTRATORS FROM SOMALIA. IN PRACTICE, ALL WHO WERE NO UNI MEMBERS COULD OBTAIN CARDS WITH EASE. THUS "GOODLY PART OF POPULATION OF HARGEISA", INCLUDING GSDR ARMY OFFICERS ARE ACTUALLY IN DJIBOUTI AS "CITIZENS" WITH MISSION TO SABOTAGE INDEPENDENCE AND PREPARE FOR INCORPORATION OF DJIBOUTI INTO SOMALIA. HE REPEATED CHARGES FRENCH REPRESSION, CALLED FOR OAU ROUNDTABLE, AND DENOUNCED FRENCH ROUNDTABLE.

3. PRESS ALSO CARRIED EXTRACT OF ARTICLE FROM FRENCH JOURNAL DU DINANCHE DTD JAN 30 BY VICTOR FRANCO ON EXTENT OF ID CARD FRAUD. ARTICLE NAMES SEVERAL SOMALI OFFICERS AND NCO'S WHO HAVE OBTAINED TFAI ID'S REGISTERED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT IN DJIBOUTI, AND ARE NOW DEMONSTRATING AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT IN FRONT OF CITE' MINISTERIAL IN DJIBOUTI.

4. MEDIA ALSO CARRIED COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY DELEGATION CHIEFS AHMED BOURHAN AHMED (MLD), ABOUBEKER ALI MOHAMED (UNI) AND MOHAMED KAMIL MOHAMED (MPL) DENOUNCING PARIS ROUNDTABLE AND CALLING FOR OAU REOUNDTABLE BEFORE REFERENDUM.

5. COMMENT: ATTEMPTS BY BOTH EPMG AND GSDR BACKED GROUPS TO OBTAIN TFAI ID CARDS UNDER LESS THAN HONORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD. BASED ON EXTENT OF COMPLAINTS BY EPMG BACKED FRONTS, WEHAVE IMPRESSION THEY FINISHED SECOND BEST IN ID RACE.

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